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good social status from classes hitherto excluded it will I think be a beneficial step. A note by me on the subject was submitted to the Working Committee and was considered by them at their meeting in March. The Committee resolved that in their opinion admission to the College within well defined limits should be widened, and that the note should be circulated to members of the General Council. A decision in the matter will, I hope, be reached at the next meeting of the General Council which is likely to take place in the early winter.

Mayo College War Fund.—In my previous report I referred to the Mayo College War Fund and the two Motor Ambulances for the use of Indian troops serving overseas which it had raised. Funds for a third Ambulance were raised and despatched during the year under report. The amount was the result of donations and monthly subscriptions from members of the staff and boys, and of special sources of contribution such as the sale of X'mas cards specially painted by boys, cinema shows, a musical entertainment given by the College section, and a flag day fete.

Re-organized Boarding House System.—The most important feature of the year has been the introduction of the re-organized Boarding House system approved by the General Council at the end of the previous year. By this system the two Houses, which with the additions made in recent years are much the largest in the College, and between them can accommodate nearly as many boys as the other School houses put together, are now run on upto date thorough boarding-house lines under resident Superintendents who are members of the College staff, and one of them is exclusively confined to junior boys. In both Houses private servants have been replaced by house servants, private tutors and guardians have been eliminated, the previously existing common mess has been greatly improved, and a fixed inclusive schooling and boarding fee is charged to each boy. This fee at present is Rs. 1,010/- per annum for Rajputana boys, a figure which certainly cannot be regarded as high. For boys from outside Rajputana the fee is higher according to the sliding scale of fees charged from such boys. The Jaipur House is reserved for junior boys and the Jodhpur House for seniors, and the former is in charge of a European Lady Superintendent who is a qualified nurse. In each the Superintendent has an Assistant Superintendent.

The scheme was launched in January in the face of a good deal of conservative opposition, tacit or active, though steps had been taken to meet criticism by the issue of a widely circulated pamphlet and by the personal visit of members of the staff to states. By the terms of the scheme Jodhpur and Jaipur boys were offered the first claim on accommodation in the two Houses under the new system, but I regret that, while an appreciable number of Jaipur boys joined the scheme when it started, none from Jodhpur did, and as provided by the scheme accommodation for these boys was found in the other Houses which continue at present on the former lines. Starting with only 14 boys in each House, the scheme I am glad to say has gained such acceptance that since its inception a number of boys have asked for and obtained the permission of their parents or guardians to join it. Each House is now almost full and contains considerably more boys than any other House in the College. In view of the increasing popularity of the scheme steps are under consideration to extend it to other Boarding Houses.

The thanks of the College are due to Their Highnesses of Jaipur and Jodhpur for making the introduction of what I consider a most important advance possible by placing the Boarding Houses at the disposal of the College for the purposes of the scheme and for continuing their annual grants for the Houses. I also wish to express my obligations to all the members of the staff concerned with the introduction of the scheme and its working after inception.

The introduction of the new system necessitated a change in the grouping of Houses for general administration and inter-house competitions. In place of the former three groups of North, South, and West, the Jaipur and Jodhpur Houses were made into a separate group known as New Houses while the other Houses were re-arranged as East and West Houses.

Leaving Gifts.—The College has been fortunate in Leaving Gifts during the year. Four of these were made by Ruling Princes to commemorate the association of their sons with the College. For this purpose H. H. the Maharaja of Jodhpur donated a Physics Laboratory and H. H. the Maharaja of Jind a Manual Work room. These additions, which were completed at the beginning of the year, will enable the College to add Science to the Intermediate course when and if desired. The other two gifts of this nature were a Pavilion on the Madden ground given by H. H. the Maharao Raja of Bundi, and the equipment of a special Reading Room in Colvin House by H. H. the Raja of Sailana. In addition to the above two old boys, Raja Kalyan Singh of Bhina and Rawat Khuman Singh of Salumbar made gifts to provide additional books for the College section and School section Libraries respectively.

Staff Houses.—Construction work on the eight additional houses sanctioned for members of the Indian staff has been in progress during the year. It was hoped that the houses would be completed before the X'mas holidays, but delays by and the subsequent failure of the contractor to execute his contract not only prevented this but made it necessary for the College to take over the work departmentally at a time when prices had soared owing to the war. The result is that only six of the houses have been completed, and the cost will be greater than anticipated and will have to be met by increased rents. One of the houses has been constructed adjoining Colvin House as a residence for the Superintendent of that House, an arrangement which makes it feasible for a married man to be in charge of the House.

Boy Scouts.—For several years I have wanted to introduce Boy Scouting in the College, but various circumstances have prevented it. A start however has now been made by the formation under two members of the school staff of a fully-organized Wolf Cub pack, which is flourishing and which a short time after its inception secured second place in the annual competition among local packs. The building adjoining the Bikaner Pavilion formerly used as a manual work room has been converted into a Cubs den and suitably equipped. The number of candidates for enrolment will I think make it possible to start a second pack next term, and there is also a demand for the formation of a Scout troop which I hope to meet. A number of qualified scoutmasters are available among the members of the staff, but the difficulty is to fit in Scouting adequately with other activities. My experience at Raipur where at one time every boy in the College was either a wolf cub or scout and more recently as Provincial Scout Commissioner here has convinced me of the great value of Scouting as a training and I hope before I leave to see it firmly established at the Mayo College.

Water Supply.—For several years I have had occasion to refer to the inadequacy of the water supply. The improvement resulting from the heavy rainfall of 1940-41 was offset by another very poor monsoon following. The long hoped for improvement in the municipal water supply appears to be indefinitely shelved and unless, which is unlikely, means can be found to provide the College with its own independent pipe supply, the College will have to continue to rely for the bulk of its water on its wells. The level of water in these has fallen considerably of recent years and they have only just held out with economical use during this year. The swimming bath could not be used except for two weeks during the monsoon term and the usual gardens competition for the Lady Willingdon Cup could not be held. Unless the coming monsoon is a good one the situation will be very serious.

4. Staff.—At their meeting in December, Mr. M. A. McCanlis, Vice-Principal, was selected by the General Council to succeed me as Principal on my retirement, which was due at the end of the year under report when my four years extension after retirement from government service would expire. In view however of the special conditions prevailing I was asked by the General Council to continue my extension for a year from the date of the meeting.

In the College Section Thakur Madan Singh at the beginning of the academic year reverted from his deputation to Jaipur State and resumed his post of Senior Lecturer to which was added that of Superintendent Colvin House. Owing to the suspension of the competitive examination for entrance to the I.L.A., and the consequent closing

of the Army class at the College Mr. Dhawan at half-year was transferred to the School section.

Of the School section Staff, Mr. Bradshaw was released for military duty for the duration of the war early in the school year and his place was taken by Mr. F. M. Nathaniel, M.A., B.Ed., (Edin.). The posts of Shastri and Sanskrit teacher which had been combined for some time were separated as they had been in the past, and Dr. Yaduvanshi, M.A., Ph.D. was appointed to teach Sanskrit, which with the decision to take the Cambridge School Certificate examination is now of increased importance and enhanced standard.

On the introduction of the new Boarding House scheme in January Mrs. W. Tubbs was appointed Superintendent Junior (Jaipur) House and Mr. A. Sharman of the School staff Superintendent Senior (Jodhpur) House, while Mr. S. C. Mukerjee, formerly Guardian to the Dandlod Kumars, became Assistant Superintendent of the former and Mr. J. Ghose, formerly Motamid Jodhpur House, became Assistant Superintendent of the latter.

Of the other Boarding House staff Munshi Kan Mal retired after forty-five years of devoted service as Motamid of the Kotah House, and the esteem and affection in which he was held by successive generations of boys who had been with him in the house were witnessed by the presentation made to him on his retirement.

5. The College Roll.—At the end of previous year the roll stood at 165. During the year under report admissions totalled 23 and withdrawals 28 and the roll therefore at the end of the year stood at 160. This slight decline was due to the fact that for various special reasons withdrawals were larger than usual, admissions being about normal. The latter included 17 boys from Rajputana and six from other areas. Details of admissions and the distribution of the College roll will be found in Appendices B & C.

6. Instruction.—In the College section, Hindi was added to the subjects offered for the B.A. Examination and was taken by one of the candidates for that examination. With the suspension of the competitive examination for entrance to the I.M.A. during the war, the maintenance of a separate Army class became superfluous and the class was accordingly closed in the middle of the year.

With regard to the School section, in my previous report I referred to the decision to replace the Chiefs' Colleges Diploma examination by the Cambridge School Certificate. The necessary adjustments and additions have been made in the curriculum and the first candidates will appear in 1944. The subjects offered at present will be:—General English, Vernacular, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, Indian History, Art or Physics and Hygiene, and a Classical Language or Physics and Chemistry. The question of the inclusion of Indian Administration as an optional subject is under consideration. The Syndicate have agreed to its inclusion in principle but the details of the syllabus are still under discussion.

Examination results—The following are the results obtained by the College in outside examinations in 1941:—

		No. of candidates presented.	Number passed.
1. Chiefs' Colleges Diploma Examination	... ..	15	15
2. Intermediate Examination of the Board of High School and Intermediate Education, Rajputana, Central India, and Gwalior	... ..	9	5
3. B. A. (Agra University.)	... ..	2	2
4. Competitive Examination for entrance to the I.M.A.	... ..	1	1
		<hr/> 28 <hr/>	<hr/> 23 <hr/>

In the Chiefs' Colleges Diploma Examination one of the Mayo College candidates obtained a First class with Distinction in five out of six subjects, and eight candidates were placed in the Second Division.

The results of the examinations of 1942 are not yet known.

7. 'Physical Training and Games.

Riding.—Riding has been carried on under difficulties owing to the indifferent health of the Vice-Principal, which has prevented him for some time from exercising active supervision, and the dearth of fodder which has resulted in, I hope only a temporary, decrease of riders. Good work however has been done by the Dafedar Instructor and the Squadron Commander and his assistants. In my previous report I referred to the amalgamation of the Ajmer Polo Club and the Mayo College Polo Club and the projected disposal of land belonging to the former. I had hoped that the business would be completed in time for funds to be available to put the Mayo College ground in thorough order during the year, but various unforeseen delays have occurred and *we shall have to wait till next rains. Meanwhile it has only been possible to play very slow chukkars at polo and the two tournaments usually held at Ajmer had to be played elsewhere.*

Games.—The College section for the first time took part in the annual Rajputana Inter-Collegiate tournament, held this year at Alwar, and gave a good account of themselves. Though with far less numbers to draw on than the other colleges they held their own well, and one of the team achieved the distinction of being declared the Champion athlete of the tournament, an award made for the first time in the history of the tournament.

The School teams have had a successful year. One of the most satisfactory features of games in recent years has been the advance in the standard and popularity of football, and the coaching and example of Mr. Bradshaw as in cricket have borne good fruit. In the year under report the school football XI, a young side, won the Stow Cup for local schools without conceding a goal.

Kishangarh Shield.—The Kishangarh Shield for the annual tournament with the Daly College, Indore, which had been lost by a narrow margin in the previous year, was regained by three events to one. The number of events had to be reduced from the usual five to four as the scarcity and prohibitive price of balls prevented the playing of any squash here after July, and squash was therefore excluded from the tournament this year. The cricket match was played at Ajmer just before X'mas and was won by the Mayo College, and the remaining three events took place at Indore in March, the Mayo College winning the tennis 5—0, and the sports $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$, but losing the hockey 1—3. The standard attained at tennis was above the average and the five matches against the Daly College, three singles and two doubles, were each won without the loss of a set.

In the general management of games the policy of getting boys to run things as much as possible themselves was extended by making Captains and House-group-Captains responsible for arranging most of the games and making up sides daily.

After a lapse of three years the College Cricket XI won the Colvin Shield open to all Rajputana teams.

8. Honours.—The following honours were gained during the year by Old Boys and others connected with the College:—

C. S. I. Major Maharaj Mandhata Singh, Prime Minister, Bikaner	..	1907—1916
O. B. E. Col. Sampat Singh, Minister for Education, Health and Local Bodies, Bharatpur	... ..	1908—1913
Captain M. S. Harvey-Jones, Guardian to the Maharaj Kumar of Udaipur	... ..	1939—To present date

Knighthood. Maharaja Pateshwari Prasad Singh of Bahrapur, U. P.	...	1930—1935
Raja. Shrimant C. B. Patwardhan, Chief of Kurundwad (Senior)	...	1938—1941
Khan Bahadur. Khan Sahib Manvi Syed Abdul Wahid, Senior Assistant, Mayo College	... ..	1912—To present date

9. Obituary. I deeply regret to announce the death of the following :—

1. H. H. the Maharaja Sir Chura Chand Singh Bahadur, K.C.S.I.,
C.B.E., Maharaja of Manipur 1895—1901
2. H. H. Maharajadhiraja Sipahdarul Mulk Arimardan Singh
Ju Deo Bahadur, Maharaja of Charkhari 1922—1921
3. Rao Ranjit Singh of Kushalgarh 1894—1900
4. Rao Sahib L. G. Sathe, Retired Senior Assistant, Mayo College ... 1906—1933
5. Lt.-Col. G. J. G. Hanson, Guardian to the Maharaja of Bahrapur. 1931—1935
6. S. Sadhu Singh, Retired Assistant Master, Mayo College ... 1924—1937
7. Pandit Shanker Lal, Retired Motamid, Alwar House, Mayo College 1905—1931
8. Rai Sahib Dr. Dina Nath Sharman, Retired Resident Medical
Officer, Mayo College 1923—1938

10. Conclusion. In conclusion I wish to express my thanks for the assistance I have received from the staff during the year.

Though with the additional extension previously referred to my retirement is not due till during the course of the coming academic year, this is the last annual report that I shall pen. I therefore take this opportunity of expressing my regret at the severance of a connection of over eleven years and of offering the Mayo College and all connected with it my best wishes for the future.

V. A. S. STOW,
M.A., C.I.E.,
Principal, Mayo College.

LIST OF APPENDICES

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Boarding House Staff—School Section.

Superintendent, Senior (Jodhpur) House	Mr. A. Sharman, M.A., B.T.
Superintendent, Junior (Jaipur) House	...	...	Mrs. W. Tubbs
Assistant Superintendent, Senior (Jodhpur) House	...	...	Mr. J. Ghose, M.A.
Assistant Superintendent, Junior (Jaipur) House	...	...	Mr. S. C. Mukerji, B.A.

Motapids.

Ajmer House	...	...	...	...	Pt. R. S. Nanavati.
Alwar „	...	...	...	...	Mr. Krishna Murari Lal Saxena, M.A.
Bharatpur „	...	...	...	...	Pt. Har Prasad Sharma, B.A.
Bikaner „	...	...	...	...	Thakur Jiwan Singh.
Kotah „	...	...	...	...	Pt. Chandra Narain Misra, B.A.
Tonk „	...	...	...	...	Mr. M. A. Farkhad.
Udaipur „	...	...	...	...	Mr. Damodar Lal, B.A., LL.B.

Medical Staff.

Medical Officer-in-Charge	...	...	...	Lt. Col. R. Kharegat, I.M.S.
Resident Medical Officer	...	...	...	Dr. S. K. Malvea.

Games and other Staff.

Games and Grounds Superintendent	...	...	Mr. G. R. Naidoo.
Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	...	...	an Lal Mohammed.
Physical Training Instructor	...	...	Havildar Arjan Singh.
Riding Instructor	...	...	Dafedar Rai Singh, Mewar Lancers.
Overseer	...	...	B. Basant Lal.
Office Superintendent	M. Nand Kishore.

APPENDIX B.

Admissions July 1941—April 1942.

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Admissions July 1941—April 1942.							
Serial No.	Names of Boys.	Names of Parents.	State or Estate.	Date of Admission.	Class.	Age at the time of Admission.	
						Years.	Months.
School Section.							
1	Maharaj Kanwar Hukum Singh ...	H. H. Maharaja Dhiraj Maharawal Sir Jawahir Singh Bahadur, K.C.S.I., Maharawal of Jaisalmer ...	Jaisalmer.	2-7-1941.	IV.	11	4
2	Bhanwar Raghunath Singh ...	Maharaj Kumar Shri Girdhar Singh of Jaisalmer ...	"	Do.	VII	11	7
3	Thakur Svaroop Singh ...	Thakur Gopal Singh of Dadu ...	"	Do.	VIII—B.	9	0
4	Kanwar Ripudaman Singh ...	Raja Mahendra Man Singh of Bhandawar ...	Bhandawar U.P.	4-7-1941.	V.	10	8
5	Kanwar Chandrabhan Singh ...	Rawat Khuman Singh of Dhariawad ...	Udaipur.	Do.	VIII—B	8	...
6	Kanwar Surajbhan Singh ...	Rawat Khuman Singh of Dhariawad ...	Udaipur.	Do.	VIII—B.	6	...
7	Kanwar Rajendra Shekhar ...	Pandit Chandra Shekhar ...	Bharatpur.	29-7-1941.	VIII—B.	6	10
8	Thakur Karan Singh ...	Thakur Bhagwat Singh of Jahota ...	Jaipur.	9-8-1941.	VIII—B.	8	9
9	Kanwar Lalit Singh ...	Raja Chakradhar Singh of Raigarh ...	Raigarh, E.S.A.	21-8-1941.	Remove.	17	0
10	Thakur Shivdan Singh ...	Thakur Kalyan Singh of Ladana ...	Jaipur.	5-9-1941.	IV.	17	7
11	Kanwar Sumer Singh ...	Lt. Col. Chowdhry Ghumanand Singh of Jughlun ...	Bharatpur.	7-10-1941.	VIII—B.	7	...

12	Kanwar Chandra Shekhar Prasad Singh Deo	Raja Sirram Chandra Singh Deo of Kharsawan	...	Kharsawan, Es...	...	...
13	Kanwar Rajendra Singh	...	...	...	...	0
14	Kanwar Tejendra Singh	...	...	...	...	8
15	Kanwar Digvijai Singh	...	...	...	...	6
16	Kanwar Manohar Singh	...	...	...	...	0
17	Thakur Narpal Singh	...	...	...	...	5
18	Kanwar Raghuraj Singh	...	...	...	...	0
19	Thakur Ganga Singh	...	...	...	...	6
20	Maharaj Kumar Pradipsinh	...	...	...	...	6
College Section.						
21	Raja Bir Udit Pratap Sekhar Deo	...	...	...	...	9
22	Thakur Kan Singh	...	...	...	...	4
23	Sardar Omindar Hari Darshan Singh	...	...	...	...	6

APPENDIX C.

Distribution of the College Roll as it stood on 30th April 1942.

(A) Rajputana States and Ajmer-Merwara:—

Alwar	8
Bharatpur	...	...	...	...	8
Bikaner	...	...	...	...	4
Bundi	...	...	...	...	1
Danta	...	...	...	...	2
Dholpur	...	...	...	...	1
Dungarpur	...	...	...	...	3
Jaipur	...	...	...	...	27
Jaisalmer	...	...	...	...	3
Jodhpur	...	...	...	...	29
Karauli	...	...	...	...	1
Kishangarh	2
Kotah	13
Kushalgarh	1
Shahpura	2
Tonk	4
Udaipur	10
Ajmer-Merwara	2
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(B) Central India:—

Bundelkhand Agency	4
Central India Agency	1
				5

(C) Other Areas:—

(i) Arabia-Muscat	...	...	...	1
(ii) Assam-Manipur	...	...	...	1
(iii) Behar	...	...	...	2
(iv) Bombay Presidency	...	...	...	7
(v) Eastern States Agency	...	...	...	7
(vi) Gujarat States Agency	...	...	...	1
(vii) Gwalior Agency	...	...	...	2
(viii) Kashmir Agency	...	...	...	2
(ix) Punjab	...	...	...	1
(x) Punjab Hill States	...	...	...	4
(xi) Punjab States Agency	...	...	...	1
(xii) United Provinces	...	...	...	2
(xiii) Western India States Agency	...	...	...	34
Total				160

